## SENATE APPROVES DRY AMENDMENT

ouse Changes Concurred In by 17 to 8-Ready for Action by States.

LEVEN TO VOTE IN 1918

ati-Saloon Leader Predicts Ratification of Measure in Three Years.

ASSULATION. Dec. 18 .- The dry adment to the Constitution is now signed by Vice-President Marshall

sterday it contained amendments ex-iding the time limit for ratification seven years, giving Congress and States concurrent powers for en-ing the amendment if it is ratified i making the amendment effective year from the date of ratification by ourths of the States. As soot

Senate agreed to the amendments on anding vote 47 to 8. The Senators ere not noticed particularly as every se expected a roll call vote. None was and as a result to-night

the special sessions for

Anti-Saloon League, tonated three years as the time at is a fair estimate. It may marter billion of dollars spent

# STATES LINE UP

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## MINNESOTA.

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## MISSOURI.

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### NEW YORK. Despatch to THE SUN.

et. 15.—New York's Senate and likely to present a mation against the ratifinational prohibition to the Constitution. While of the Congress releases Gov. tom his pledge not to recom-prohibition legislation in this the Washington issue had tied, if does not in the least the complexion of the Tam-Barnes combination that will line

explature being now free to the lasue direct, a conference to between Gov. Whitman and lendent William H. Anderson of Salcon League, with a view to be plans for pushing the State's Democrat and thirteen Republi-voted for the amendment at Wash

on from the New York delegation

Special Despatch to THE SUN TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 18.—Neither Gov. Edge nor any other State official is willing to predict what action the New Jersey Legislature will take regarding the prohibition amendment. The session begins next month. Both parties aircady are pledged to more county home rule and the passage of a local option law has been predicted. This may lead eventually to the adoption of the amendment.

Special Despatch to Tan Sev. COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 18.—Gov. Cox says that as the present Legislature was not elected on the prohibition issue the question of ratification rests on the attitude of the electors in choosing mem-bers of the Assembly in 1918. The Legislature is expected to follow the Legislature is expected to follow the result at the polls after the people vote on Statewide prohibition. It is the claim of Ohio liberals that by virtue of the initiative and referendum they have the right to vote by a direct referendum on the Federal amendment. Based on last November's vote on prohibition the chance of the amendment being ratified is somewhat better than even.

### PENNSYLVANIA.

Special Despatch to THE SEN. PHILADELPHIA. Dec. 18.—Advocates of robibition in Pennsylvania will bend their efforts during the next ten months their efforts during the next ten months to the nomination and election of State legislators favorable to the passage of the dry amendment. The Legislature which will be elected next fall will be organized in January, 1919.

Gov. Brumbaugh is opposed to calling a special control of the cont

a special session. He says it is a matter for the newspapers and prohibition prop-agandists to agitate if the public mind is in a hurry for the passage of the amendment in this State.

The battle will be a struggle between the drys and the Republican organizais food shortage or some calamity will force the demanding special segtic Legislatures to ratify of dollars capital, will fight with their directs. Anti-Saloon League backs to the wall. Passage of the saled to-night. Only eleven have opportunity to vote for ratification during 1918, it

Special Desputch to THE SUN PROVIDENCE, Dec. 18.—Rhode Island chitical circles at present are absolutely indifferent on the subject of national prohibition; that is, insofar as any con-certed or organized movement regarding it is in evidence. So far as the general public is concerned there has been no agitation in several years.

The State has local option, the thirty-

eight cities and towns baying the privithe matter being mandatory and requiring that the question shall be placed upon the ballot, so that the voters may exercise their right of expression. Neither of the five cities have prohibi-

smaller towns are dry.

In the cities and larger towns the

Special Despatch to TRE St. this as a condition of their special despited to talk St. before the first of the state of a movement to make that Texas will be one of the first of the state of ment will meet approval by a good Declarations have already been made majority in both branches. More than by acting Governor Houx and Congressmajority in both branches. More than two-thirds of the members of the House are pronounced advocates of nationwide prohibition and only one vote is lacking to making the Senate two-thirds in its

and fifteen Democrats and nine Republicans voted against it. The Republicans who voted for the amendment line up with the Whitman element in the State and those who opposed it are of the Barnes persuasion. Representative Lunn of Schenectady was the only Democrat voting for it.

Gov. Whitman said to-night that his recommendations upon the prohibition question during the coming session of the Legislature would be guided by the Wishes of the temperance people of the State.

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More than three-fourths of the area of Texas is elready dry as a result of local option. Prohibition sentiment has been growing steadily for several years. Dallas, which next to San Antonio is the largest city in the State, went dry a few months ago. Waco, another of the largest cities, is also dry. The solidly wet territory is confined to a few counties bordering upon the Rio Grands.

Special Despatch to Tan Bux. BURLINGTON, Vt., Dec. 18.—Vermont's two Representatives in Congress were divided to-day on the resolution to sub-mit the question of national prohibition o the Legislatures and two sections of the State are correspondingly divided.
Representative Green, whose distric

comprises the western half of the State, where the cities and larger towns are mostly situated, voted against the reso-lution and gave his reasons in the fol-"The State of Vermont can have its own bone dry prohibition any time it wants to vote for it, and so can every other State in the Union. This adoption of the prohibition amendment will take away from every State forever, as practical address to the state forever. ing that right they have never manifested it at the polls. I have confidence in the people of the First district to believe that before they seek to compel the whole nation to live under a prohibition law they will begin to live under a prohibition law themselves."

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Representative Green is a power in e State and a much stronger man than s colleague, Dale, who voted in favor

next Legislature, which meets January. 1919. The smaller towns are in favor of prohibition in the State as a rule, and the same as a city like Burlington, it mark could not be made in papers filed may be that the resolution will go with United States Consuls in Gertifrough even though the majority of the Imperial Government for putting voters do not want it.

An effort to place statewide prohibi-tion on the books was defeated last year by a referendum by the voters with a tremendous margin. It does not look as though Vermont in the face of the vote by the people so recently would turn

### WISCONSIN.

special Despatch to Tax Sts. MILWAUNER. Dec. 18.—The vote in Congress on the prohibition amendment was watched with interest in Milwaukee Philipp would make no statement further than to say the matter would have to be decided by the people, probably at the election next fall. He said he would not include it in his call for the extra ses sion, which is to be held in January for the purpose of choosing a Senator to succeed Senator Husting. The State now has local option for townships and cities, but not for countles, and more than half the territory in the State is dry. As to In the cities and larger towns the liquor traffic is eegulated in a manner that apparently meets with general satisfaction. The fact that the license eystem is so well regulated is largely responsible for the gubile sentiment in its favor. This may be instanced in Providence, where the license vote at the last election was 17,564 in favor and 6,918. This means that the labor unions will have to get into politics and fight for against. In the entire State the vote was 45,608 in favor and 17,258 against. the next Legislature. It will cost us a good deal and we had much rather keep out, but the labor unions are lined up against prohibition the country over."

\$1,000,000 Due New York Importers Because of Depreciation of German Mark.

AN OLD LAW INVOKED

Similar Claims May Be A lowed on Goods From Austria, France and Italy.

Special Despatch to Tan Sun.
WARHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Millions of customs duties collected from New York importers are to be refunded by the Government.

Duties are to be reliquidated under decision announced by the customs division to-day on the appeal of Graham & Zenger of New York against assessment at par value of goods imported from Germany at a time when the German mark had depreciated more than 10 per cent, in value,

The decision will cover scores other cases that have been placed before the Treasury on appeal affecting papers and magazines generally, imports from Germany, Austria-Hun-tributed to increased consumption. tical affairs go, the right to legislate for imports from Germany. Austria-Hun-itself on this question. If the people of gary, France, Italy and possibly other the district want me to join in surrender- countries. The decision follows a legal battle in

which the claims of the big importers were pressed by a great array of formidable legal talent at hearings in Washington. Claims were filed with the consular regulations providing for an allowance where currency of the country from which goods were invoiced had depreciated more than 10 per cent. below the value of foreign coin fixed by the Director of the Mint. The act and regulations provided that the deprecia-tion must be cited on consular invoice. Claims of depreciation of the German mark could not be made in papers filed by the Imperial Government for putting the coin of the realm to any comparison that would depreciate its value.

It was around this point that the legal battle centred. Another point of contest in these cases acted to permit reopening of the cases aven though reopening of the cases even though

duties had been liquidated.

In broad terms the decision provides paid duty assessed on the basis of par exchange and the currency of the coun-try from which the goods were experted has depreciated in value 10 per cent, or more, the difference between par and the ernment.
The decision says the refund in the

case riled on shall be made by quoting the mark at 2 1 cents, as compared with the par of 5 cents.

it as the firm had brought several pro-ceedings to have the duty reduced on while the producers of the horis them-different importations. Some of the im-portations were from Austria before was amount of profit out of their labors and was declared and others from Italy.

## REPORT EXPLAINS SUGAR SITUATION

CUSTOMS DUTIES American Sugar Refining Co.

The American Sugar Refining Company has issued to its stockholders a report of the conditions in the sugar market, prepared by Joseph E. Freeman secretary of the company, showing that with one-third of the world's sugar production area within the battle lines, Eng. ITALY ESPECIALLY SHORT land. France and other countries have turned to Cuba and other sources that

turned to Cuba and other sources that ordinarily would supply the United States. The report also points out that the immediate causes of the present shortage are increased consumption and delayed distribution.

The report says that serious strikes in nearly all the Eastern refineries carly in 1917, sensational "sugar familie" rumors, stories of the destruction of cane in the Cuban insurrection and a desire of the trade to avoid excise taxes proposed in Congress, led to an increased demand for sugar that continued all the year and was followed by hoarding. has been no substantial increase in the world's total production," the report says, "this country has aiready used nearly 400,090 tons more sugar than during a corresponding period last year. In 1916 the people of the United States consumed on the average 19,000 tons a day, while this year the consumption has been at the rate of 11,000 tons." It showed that the "canning campaign," encouraged by the Food Administration the Department of Agriculture, the news-

# REED AND BABST

Senate Committee Chairman and Hoover Aid Nearly Come to Blows.

Special Despatch to Tur St

tuations of the sugar market seventeen of the unturns had been started by ad-vanced blidding by the buyers for the Federal Sugar Refinery Company, the

day of this year, when allowance was tion taken by the Food Administration in assuming control of the commodity. He had read into the record advertisements hipments from about January 1, 1915.

## **CROZIER WRONG ON** ALLIES' GUN NEEDS

McCormick Quotes Commanders to Show Sacrifices to Aid Americans.

Petain Made Plea for Cannon and Shells if War Is to

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- Flat contra diction of statements of Major-Gen. William Crozier, Chief of Ordnance, was made before the Senate Committee on year and was followed by hoarding.

"While during the current year there has been no substantial increase in the tive Medill McCormick of Illinois. The Congressman has recently returned from an extended tour of the battle areas of western Europe, where he talked with military commanders of Great Britain. Britain alone has a more than adequate supply of the so-called "middle heavy" artillery Mr. McCormick after consultation with

Mr. McCornick after consultation with the chairman issued a brief review of that part of his testimony which it was felt should not of necessity be suppressed. Mr. McCormick said:
"It told the committee that neither the French nor the Italians have any artiliery to spare. The British, who in proportion to their front have more guns by far than either of their western allies, according to their chief military authorities will not have guns enough until next. TILT OVER SUGAR | far than either of their western allies, according to their chief military authorities will not have guns enough until next

immediate necessities of our little army im France are even greater than their own. Gen. Petain, the French commander in chief, said to me:
"'Make gune. Send us guns and ammunition rather than unfinished steel.

We are grateful for the little force you have sent us. The echo of its footfalls carried hope to every hearth in France, but as it grows there must be a period when we shall be taxed to supply it.

"While its numbers slowly increase you have seen who are a great indus-Chairman Reed and Earl Babst, president of the American Sugar Refining
Company, several times seemed on the verge of an actual encounter. Great bit. dent of the American Surar Refining
Company, several times seemed on the verge of an actual encounter. Great hit termess has developed in the relations between the chairman and the representatives of the Food Administration, of which Mr Babst is a manufer.

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the mark at 2.74 cents, as compared with the par of 1 cents.

The case involved in the ruling will involve a refund of almost a million dollars. Treasury officials say. They will mark that means were employed to procure a refund to extimate the total that will be rebated.

Federal Suxar Refinery Company, the independent concern most frequently in contest with the trust.

Senator Reed told him that he was not trying to find out who bid up sugar, but trying to find out who bid up sugar, but the men and maybe lose the war.

We must build for ourselves and our what means were employed to procure alies 25,000 cannon. That is not my own figure. It is the estimate of the world markets. will be rebated.

In the case of Italy depreciation is now being allowed on entry. Refund will be made on past imports from Italy, by Mr. Babsts own testimony that presented the committee also listened to represent the committee also listened to represent sugar shortages were due to the action taken by the Food Administration in

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### GOETHALS IS NAMED TO SUCCEED SHARPE Four Important Changes Are Conkling's Grandson Wins Made in War Department.

D. S. O. AWARDED TO LIEUT. OAKMAN

LONDON, Dec. 18. -The Distinguished WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- In directing Service Order has been awarded to lajor-Gen. Bliss, Chief of Staff, to call Lieut. Walter G. Oakman, Jr., of Islip, the first meeting of the newly created L. L. a grandson of Hoscoe Consilne.
War Council, Secretary Baker to-night for gallantry in the Cambral battle. made public important changes in ad-ministrative duties at the War Depart-ment. With Dillwyn P. Starr, a Philadelphia

ment.

Major-Gen. William Crozier, chief of the Lureau of ordnance, and now under fire before the Senate investigating committee, will be relieved by Brig-Gen. Wheeler, who will be "acting chief of ordnance" so long as Major-Gen. Crozier remains detailed to the War Council.

Major-Gen. Sharpe, Quartermaster-General, will be relieved by Major-Gen. Goethals, who is to be recalled to active service and made "acting Quartermaster-General."

With Dillwyn P. Starp, a Philadelphia athlete who also wen a commission. Lieut. Oakman joined the Pulke of Westmisster's machine gun corps early in the ear. He was first wounded in the ear. He was first wounded in the ear of the end of the early that his friends despatied of his ever returning to the front, but he recovered quickly and overcame the dovered quickly and overcame the form the ear. He was again on the recovered quickly and overcame the dovered quickly and overcame the first service and made "acting Quartermassion."

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